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**RE:** State of Texas v. Ernesto Ivan Martinez – D.O.B. 10/28/1989

### **Martinez is Sentenced to Life in Prison**

Brownsville, Texas – June 20, 2011 – The Cameron County District Attorney’s Office announces today that Ernesto Ivan Martinez, 21, was found guilty of the murder of Barry T. Horn and was sentenced to life in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Institutional Division.

Assistant County and District Attorneys Pete Gilman and Ismael Hinojosa represented the State of Texas and were prepared to commence trial when the defense attorneys announced that Defendant Martinez would be entering a plea. Upon entering a plea of “no contest” State District Judge Elia Cornejo Lopez of the 404<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court found Martinez guilty of murder and proceeded with sentencing Martinez to life.

According to the Brownsville Police Department, Mr. Horn was discovered stabbed to death at approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at his residence.

After having fled to Mexico, Martinez was apprehended by Mexican Authorities and returned to this jurisdiction. Martinez was held without bond at Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center for the capital murder of Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts Executive Director Barry T. Horn, 59, of Brownsville, Texas.

According to the indictment Martinez intentionally caused the death by stabbing Horn with a knife or unknown object while in the course of committing or attempting to commit the offense of burglary of a habitation. Martinez was indicted by a grand jury for the capital murder of Barry T. Horn on January 20, 2010.

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